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WAR, NO PEACE

President Roosevelt's Offer Declined.

RUSSIA VERY HOSTILE

When they Want Peace they Will Talk With Japan Without Interference.

CASSINI NOT YET REPORTED

Believed that the Ultimatum From Emperor Nicholas has been Transmitted to Washington But has not Been Delivered to President Roosevelt.

Vienna, June 7.—It was learned here tonight that the Russian government has informed its diplomatic representatives abroad, including Count Cassini, ambassador at Washington, that the time for Russia to conclude peace has not yet come, and when it does arrive, Russia will open peace negotiations with Japan independent of foreign intervention.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—With Ambassador Meyer's delivery to the emperor yesterday afternoon of President Roosevelt's message tendering him his good offices, prospects of the president's efforts to bring the belligerents together in peace negotiations is believed to be distinctly better. It is equally evident that the situation is an exceedingly delicate one. Ambassador Meyer, when seen by an Associated Press representative tonight, absolutely declined to say a word regarding his visit to Tsarskoe Selo, about the mission with which he was charged, or the emperor's response.

The center of interest is again transferred back to Washington. Count Cassini has doubtless received instructions from the emperor. However, it is possible that it will require some little time to finally decide whether success shall crown the president's efforts and end the war.

Preliminary peace negotiations between Russian and Japan is generally believed to be under way and it is conceded that President Roosevelt in all probability will act, not as mediator, but as "the friendly channel of communication." There is yet no official admission that Russia has accepted what Count Cassini sent in a cable to Count Lamsdorff last week described as "the offer of good will of the president," although instructions to the ambassador are believed to have reached here tonight in a long cablegram received at the Russian embassy quite late and had before the ambassador just before he retired. Immediately after his return from a long conference with the president Mr. Takahira began the preparation of a dispatch to his government, upon which he was occupied until quite late. At the White House up to a late hour it was declared that the important telegram from Mr. Meyer had not reached the president and if received will not be presented to the president until morning.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—As a result of a meeting of the ministers today the Russian ambassador at Washington and Paris have been telegraphed that Russia is desirous of learning Japan's peace conditions.

The diplomatic service in Washington is aroused tonight to a point of expectancy unequalled since the inception of the war in the far east by the news from St. Petersburg of the czar's wish to know Japan's peace terms. This interest was heightened by a call which Takahira, the Japanese minister, made at the White House by appointment during the evening. He remained with the president about twenty minutes. When the minister left he declined to answer any questions about the call.

Peace terms were immediately com-

municated to the diplomats most interested. It was not long before the Russian embassy was besieged with callers, but the ambassador was without advice on the subject, though for several days past he has been anxiously awaiting the acknowledgement of his cablegram detailing his conversation with the president last Friday.

In expectation of the message to come later in the evening several secretaries returned to the embassy after dinner prepared to translate the dispatch as soon as it arrived. Count Cassini has not yet made an appointment at the White House. The president confided to an ambassador who called at the White House that his instructions to ambassador Meyer did not provide for a formal tender of good offices. It is impossible to give their text, but they may be correctly paraphrased in these words: "Find out from the czar what we can do to assist early peace."

LIBERAL KING.

King of Italy Subscribes to Institute of Agriculture.

Rome, June 7.—In a plenary meeting of the conference on International Agriculture it was announced that it was the intention of King Victor Emanuel to place the revenues from one of his largest estates at the disposal of the proposed International Institute of Agriculture.

STATEMENT DENIED.

Italian Difficulty With Turkey Has Been Settled.

Rome, June 7.—The statement that Italy has sent warships to Yemen, Arabia, as reported in Vienna, is untrue. An Italian citizen was killed there by mistake in the middle of May, but the local authorities gave satisfaction and the incident was closed amicably.

GRAFTER ARRESTED

William F. Karr of Smithsonian Institute an Embezzler.

HAS MADE A CONFESSION

Admits That He is an Embezzler in the Sum of \$40,000 Which He Says Has Been Going on for the Past Fifteen Years and Not Discovered.

Washington, June 7.—William F. Karr, an accountant with the Smithsonian institute, and distributing for the government bureaus at Washington, is under arrest here today charged with embezzlement, which, according to his confessions made tonight aggregate \$40,000. The stealings, he confessed, has been going on for the past fifteen years. It is thought that other prominent officials in the Smithsonian Institute are implicated and an investigation has been ordered.

KILLED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Chinese Cook Stabbed and Assassinated as Usual.

San Francisco, June 7.—Sung Sam, wife of Ching Jing Lim, who is employed as a cook on one of the United States warships, was stabbed to death last night at the corner of Jackson and Stockton streets. The police are unable to ascertain who committed the crime, but two witnesses who reported the matter will be held and it is expected they may give the information that will lead to the identity of the assassin.

GENERAL RESIGNS.

Russian General At Moscow Resigns His Office.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—It is reported that General Kozloff, Governor general of Moscow, has resigned.

The newspapers here have been forbidden to mention the all Russian Zamosstvo congress at Moscow.

The news has been received here of a public demonstration at Nijni Novgorod, against the war and the autocracy.

KING INDORSED

Patriotic Demonstration For King Oscar.

TALK OF REVOLUTION

Stockholm Papers Commenting Take Extreme View of Crisis.

GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS

Opinion Prevails That Sweden Will Not Insist on Norway Remaining in the Union but Affairs Will be Settled at Extraordinary Session.

Stockholm, June 7.—The Norwegian coup-d'etat was answered here tonight by a great patriotic demonstration of loyalty to and sympathy with King Oscar. A great procession, accompanied by bands, was formed and went to Rosendal castle where the bands played national airs.

In a few minutes the king and other members of the royal family appeared on the balcony of the castle and were enthusiastically cheered by the demonstrators, while a number of ladies advanced from the crowd and presented the king with a bouquet.

Though greatly excited over the situation, the populace remains outwardly calm. King Oscar held a council this evening at which the situation was considered. The newspapers of Stockholm commenting on the actions of the Norwegian Storting takes an extremely serious view of the crisis. The Nyal Dagligt Allehanga says:

The Norwegian government exceeds all limits, but undoubtedly acted according to its convictions that it was for the country's welfare, and no party of political faith will attempt to persuade or compel Norway to maintain the union which has become a burden. The Swedish diet will meet in extraordinary session in a fortnight and speak in the name of Sweden. Meanwhile the king of the union will speak in the name of the union and has protested against the revolution now contemplated in his Norwegian kingdom.

The Dagblad says: The revolutionists have now unmasked themselves and trampled under foot the union and upon their oath of allegiance to the king. As soon as possible all Norwegians employed in the diplomatic service must be removed. Sweden can not be represented by men belonging to a country which organizes revolution, dethrones its king and breaks all the ties of the union.

Upon the king's refusal to sanction the the bill for a separate consular service the storting today dissolved the union of Norway and Sweden.

From many parts of the country telegrams are being received expressing the enthusiastic popular sympathy with the declarations of the storting. The whole populace appears deeply moved with a sense of the seriousness of the occasion. Special missions will be sent to all the great powers asking them to recognize Norway's independence. The announcement that Emperor William has abandoned his projected visit to Norway has given rise to a feeling that there will be trouble in the future.

BERIAH WILKINS DEAD.

Editor and Publisher of the Washington Post Is Dead.

Washington, June 7.—Beriah Wilkins, owner, editor and publisher of the Washington Post, and formerly representative in congress from Ohio, died suddenly today of heart failure at his residence in this city. Wilkins suffered a stroke of paralysis two years ago while on a visit to New York. He has not been confined

to his bed for some months and no immediate anticipation of his serious condition was entertained.

PEACE IN NORWAY.

Efforts being Made to Have King Oscar Abdicate.

London, June 7.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Christiania says: Everything is quiet here and there is a general desire to find a peaceful solution of the crisis. Considerable favor is expressed for an arrangement whereby King Oscar shall abdicate in favor for instance, the Crown Prince's son, Wilhelm.

The Christiania correspondent of the Times says he has good authority for saying that Sweden has indirectly assured Norway that no forcible measures will be employed to keep her within the bonds of the present union.

The correspondent adds that the government will today (Wednesday) definitely place its resignation in the hands of the storting.

JAPANESE RAILROAD.

Order For 1,000 Cars is Given to a Firm in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, June 7.—Orders for 1,000 cars for the Imperial Japanese Railway have just been placed with the Pennsylvania car building companies. Five hundred of the cars will be of the Gondolia class. The remainder will be of the box car variety.

Contracts for 800 additional box cars for quick delivery will be made in a few days.

New Office Created.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—An imperial ukase issued today creates the post of chief of police of the Caucasus and allows \$50,000 per annum for secret police purposes.

THE LAW ENFORCED

Portland Wife Beater Receives Twenty Lashes on Back.

AND DOWN WENT MCGINTY

Charles McGinty Arrested for Having Repeatedly Struck His Frail Wife and Blackened Her Eye Because She Would Not Give Him Money to Squander.

Portland, June 7.—The whipping post law passed at the last session of the legislature in January, last, was carried into effect for the first time today in the Multnomah county jail upon Charles McGinty, convicted of wife beating. McGinty was convicted in the state circuit court and sentenced to receive twenty lashes, the maximum punishment. The lashing was performed by Jailor Grafton under the direction of Sheriff Word and under supervision of the assistant county physician, McCormack.

McGinty, after receiving his sentence, was hustled to jail where he was stripped to the waist, his hands manacled and tied to the door in the jail corridor, high above his head. Although no attempt was made to be unreasonably cruel, the beating was as severe as the powerful jailor was capable of administering. McGinty endeavored to be game throughout the whipping but the suffering endured made him writhe and groan and strain at the manacles which were binding his wrists. When the punishment was concluded, McGinty was released from the manacles and with but slight assistance, left the jail.

McGinty, who is a strapping young fellow, was punished for having repeatedly struck his frail wife and for having blackened her eyes because he was not given her earnings to squander.

Baseball Scores.

San Francisco.—Oakland 0, San Francisco 9.

Los Angeles.—Portland 0, Los Angeles 1.

Tacoma.—Seattle 1, Tacoma 11.

EXPENSIVE LOT

Wall Street Lot Brings Big Price.

\$700,000 FOR ONE LOT

New York Business Lot Sells at the Rate of Four Dollars an Inch.

ORIGINAL COST WAS \$18,275

Property was Purchased by the Stillman Family in 1827 and Has Been in the Possession of the Family Ever Since, the Owner Refusing to Sell.

New York, June 7.—The sale to the Merchants Trust Company of St. Louis just reported, of the famous plot of real estate at No. 1 Wall street at the corner of Broadway, has given rise to interesting compilations showing the great rise in property values in this city.

At the figure named in the transaction \$700,000, the plot brought about \$4 a square inch, possibly the highest price ever paid in the world's history. The property measures only 30 feet on the Broadway side and has a frontage on Wall street of 39 feet, ten inches. It contains 1,170 square feet.

The next highest figure on record in connection with real estate transactions in this city was that paid in 1872 by Anthony J. Drexel for the sight of the Morgan Banking House on Broad and Wall streets. This property, measuring 717 square feet, brought \$347.07 a square foot.

Said the attorney who conducted the Trust Company's negotiations:

"I have not the slightest doubt that I have secured for our clients the most valuable piece of real estate in the whole world. There is only one Broadway, only one Wall street and only one No. 1 Wall street on earth. It is likely that the present lease will be allowed to run to a close. Then of course the property will be improved in a manner in keeping with its value and location."

For many years a drug store occupied the store room on the corner which faces old Trinity. Recently a cigar company obtained this room and now holds a lease for three years. The building is an old-fashioned four-story brick almost lost to view among the sky scrapers. It was erected more than 75 years ago at a cost of \$8,700. Today the annual taxes on the property slightly exceed that figure. The ground was bought by one of the Stillman family in 1827 at a cost of \$18,275. It has remained in the family's possession since that time. The oldest existing deed in connection with the plot dates from the beginning of the eighteenth century when it was sold for \$500 by a Dutch settler to an enterprising Irishman.

Benjamin Stillman, who died in 1891, leaving the property to a sister, refused some fabulous offers for the ground but for some unknown reason would never sell. One instance is related of a joker having offered him gold coins enough to cover the entire ground to which he agreed, providing they were set upon edge.

DEATH BY CREMATION.

Built a Brush Heap, Crawled in and the Fire Did the Rest.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 7.—Two boys have met a horrible death by cremation on the beach here. They were Ordner J. Delaney and William Jefferies, both of this city, aged 7 and 5 years respectively. The two boys were inseparable companions. They had gone to a brush heap of pine trees on the beach front, at New Hampshire avenue, which trees were to be used to build a jetty. They dug a hole beneath the pile and

crawled under. It is believed they had matches, for soon the brush was ablaze and before the boys could crawl out they were cremated. Their bodies were scarcely recognizable.

DELCASSIE'S RESIGNATION

Claimed that the Moroccan Question Was not Considered.

New York, June 7.—According to the Paris correspondent of the Times the chief cause for Foreign Minister Delcasse's resignation was not the state of Moroccan affairs, but his refusal to internationalize the Abyssinian railways. Both in France and England, the correspondent asserts, strong financial influence was brought to bear to render M. Delcasse's scheme in respect to the railways abortive. It is now expected, the dispatch add, that the negotiations which have been proceeding with Rome and London on the subject of Abyssinia will now have a different issue than was at first expected.

PREYING ON COMMERCE.

Russian Transports Hold Up British Steamer Near Woosung.

Nagasaki, June 7, 7 p. m.—The British steamer Cilurnum, chartered by the Nissui Russian Steamship Company of Tokio, bound from Shanghai to Kobe, Japan, was stopped on June 2, eighty miles from the ball buoy off the entrance to Woosung, by the Russian transport Rion.

A boarding party after the steamer's papers had been examined, removed her hatches and threw overboard 411 bags of beans, 125 bales of cotton and 12 boxes of antimony.

The Russian left again suddenly, stating that the steamer was released. It is supposed that they received a wireless message announcing the approach of Japanese warships.

SIGSBEE SQUADRON

Leaves for France to Bring Body of John Paul Jones.

BURIED AT ANNAPOLIS

Admiral Sigsbee Expects to Make the Voyage in Thirteen Days and Will be Met in the French Waters by the French Warships for Final Tribute.

New York, June 7.—The second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, consisting of the armored cruiser Brooklyn and the protected cruisers Chattanooga, Galveston, and Tacoma, selected by the navy department to bring the body of John Paul Jones from France, will assemble off the naval anchorage at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, today, and will proceed on Thursday to sea on the way to Cherbourg. The casket containing the body will be transferred to the Brooklyn. Rear Admiral Sigsbee, who will be in command, will board his flagship off Tompkinsville this evening. At the Brooklyn navy yard, carpenters have been busily engaged on the flagship completing an oak platform which is called the "Mahogany scarophagus," meaning the mahogany casing that is to receive the leaden coffin containing the body of the commander of the Bonhomme Richard.

Admiral Sigsbee expects to make the voyage from Sandy Hook to the Cherbourg breakwater in about 13 days.

On its arrival at Cherbourg the squadron will be met by the French warships that are to participate in the final tribute in French waters. Ten days after its arrival the squadron, it is expected, will sail for Annapolis.

REMAIN AT MANILA.

Admiral Enquist Notified by Russia to Remain At Manila.

Manila, June 8.—Admiral Enquist received this morning the following cablegram from St. Petersburg:

"Remain at Manila at disposition of American government. Effect repairs as much as possible."